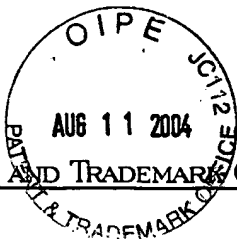




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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts issued June 9, 2004 on the above-captioned patent application, a "Declaration For Patent Application" is enclosed herewith as well as the return copy of the Patent Office's Notice to File Missing Parts.

The enclosed Declaration has been duly executed by the inventor(s).

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$65.00 in payment of the surcharge required under 37 CFR 1.16(e) for filing the Declaration later than the filing date of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

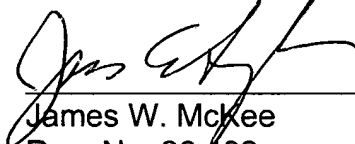
The foregoing submissions are believed to meet the requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts, and the applicant(s) await(s) further action on the application from the Patent and Trademark Office.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Respectfully submitted,

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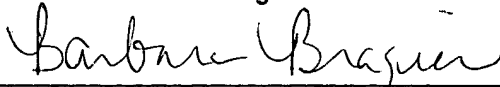
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